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Men's New Negligee Shirts

Another shipment of these extraordinarily good Percale Shirts have gotten here just in time for Saturday's business.

They're duplicates of the qualities that sold so rapidly a few weeks ago—even prettier in pattern, if possible. Stripes and figures of blue, black and lavender. Well made, full sizes, attached cuffs, nicely laundered. Shirts with style at a low price, 35c.

35c

NO LOVE TROUBLE
LED TO RASH ACT

Friends of Miss Werne Deny That She Killed Herself From Broken Heart.

ENGAGEMENT LONG AGO OFF

Sister in Baltimore to Hear News of Tragedy From Husband To-Day.

By one of her most intimate friends it was positively denied last night that Miss Mary Werne, who drowned herself in Lake Michigan on Thursday, committed the rash act because of a postponed wedding. On the contrary, it was said that Miss Werne had no intention of marrying George Mansfield, the traveling salesman to whom she was said to have been engaged. The wedding, according to The Times-Dispatch informant, had been declared off some time ago, and after that did not enter into the thought of the young lady.

Nervous from operation. Miss Werne, according to the same authority, was an inmate of a private sanatorium in Chicago, where she had been since an operation for appendicitis, which had broken down her nervous system and prostrated her. She walked out of the sanatorium when she was supposed to be recovering, and ended her life in the lake. She did not graduate at El Paso, Tex., but at a school in Louisville, Ky., where she finished her course at the age of seventeen, with high honors.

Miss Werne was well known in Richmond. She visited her sister, Mrs. Miles Turpin, at the Shenandoah Flats, and was here until June. From here she went to Louisville, and then to Chicago, where she entered a sanatorium. She was extremely popular, it is said, and was a very lady of fine disposition and lovable character. All her friends in Richmond were deeply distressed to hear of her sad end.

Mr. Miles Turpin, her brother-in-law, a traveling salesman, was in Richmond yesterday, leaving last night for Baltimore, where he had to inform his wife of her sister's death. He was greatly distressed over the news, and was positive in his denial of the allegation that love troubles led Miss Werne to end her life in Lake Michigan.

It is not known here yet what disposition will be made of the body, but it is probable that the funeral will take place in Louisville.

TOUR OF INSPECTION

Water Committee Will Go Over Completed Settling Basin.

The Council Committee on Water is planning to end its duties by a tour of inspection of the city water plant, including the settling basin and flume on Monday afternoon, after which a formal meeting will be held to approve bills and pay-rolls, and if the work is found satisfactory to accept the flume from the Crouse Construction Company, contractors. While the outgoing Water Committee will not have the satisfaction of seeing the water turned on from the settling basin, a matter to which it has given the principal part of its attention for the past five years, it will nevertheless see the work completed and ready for use. To the new Water Committee will go the problem of operating the basin and settling the new electric pumps for increasing the supply. The basin itself has been built on ample lines, the engineers claiming that it can settle four times as much water as the present pumps can carry to the reservoir.

WILL MEET HERE

Public Health Association Accepts Invitation of Local Board. In the Board of Health office yesterday the invitation of the local board of health to the American Public Health Association, which is in session here, was accepted. The association has in its membership some of the most eminent sanitarians in the country, Canada, Mexico and Cuba, including a number of United States government officials, who in recent years have made an exhaustive study of questions of sanitation.

The invitation was extended to the Public Health Association both by the State and city boards of health. Dr. E. C. Levy, chief health officer of Richmond, and Dr. Allan Freeman, medical inspector of the State Board, being in attendance.

Another Ship Captured. Colonel W. H. Chapman, Internal Revenue agent, has received a report from Revenue Officer F. H. Caldwell, of the State Board, informing him of the seizure of an illicit distillery in Franklin county, Va., containing an eighty-five gallon still and fixtures, 550 gallons of apple pomace, barrels, buckets, etc. The still was on the north side of the river, and was from his house, and fresh wagon tracks were plainly visible from the still to the house.

Statement of Financial Condition of 236 State Banks in Virginia on July 15, Made to Corporation Commission.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$40,827,464 44
Overdrafts	190,224 02
Stocks, bonds and mortgages	5,242,605 50
Banking houses	1,540,017 80
Other real estate	630,072 70
Furniture and fixtures	508,610 08
Premiums paid on bonds	11,430 07
Checks and other cash items	201,088 05
Exchanges for clearing houses	32,815 05
Due from national banks	6,302,794 41
Due from State banks and private bankers	1,781,080 21
Specie, notes and cents	805,573 45
Paper currency	1,046,128 00
All other items of resource	150,700 71
Total	\$60,011,400 05
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$11,250,048 83
Surplus fund	3,509,170 17
Undivided profits, less amount paid for interest, taxes and current expenses	3,000,248 40
Dividends unpaid	24,810 00
Total deposits	45,816,275 48
Due to national banks	632,725 47
Due to State banks and private bankers	975,614 56
Notes and bills rediscounted	621,785 00
Bills payable	471,930 45
All other items of liability	318,440 31
Total	\$60,011,400 05

The most significant feature of the above statement, and the one which is highly gratifying to the commission, is the remarkable reduction in the item of overdrafts. In the statement of February 14, 1908, overdrafts amounted to \$687,304.71. The commission at once warned the banks that this was bad showing and indicated unbusinesslike methods. The results of the efforts on the part of the commission to reduce this item are apparent in the two subsequent statements, including that printed above. The one of May 14th showed only \$232,475.32 as the amount of overdrafts, and the present one has dropped to \$190,224.02.

To Succeed Westbury



S. E. BURGESS.

BURGESS COMES AS AGENT HERE

Southern Railway Transfers Baltimore Representative to Local Field.

Mr. S. E. Burgess, appointed to succeed Captain Charles W. Westbury as district passenger agent of the Southern Railway, will arrive in Richmond early next week and take charge of the duties of his new position as soon after the 1st of September as possible. Mr. Burgess is a native of Nelson county, Va., and began his railroad career with the old Richmond and Danville at Alexandria, in the transportation department. In 1895 he became chief clerk to the general agent of the passenger department of the Southern at Washington. After serving as city ticket agent in Washington, he was appointed traveling passenger agent in 1901, with headquarters in Baltimore.

Captain Westbury, who has been in charge of the Richmond office for a number of years, was promoted to the position of district passenger agent at Philadelphia, to which city he will remove as soon as Mr. Burgess takes charge of the Richmond office.

VIRGINIA TEAM MADE GOOD SCORE IN MATCH

Advanced Seven Points at Camp Perry Shoot—Hart, Wagoner, Governor's Medal.

Members of the Virginia rifle team who participated in the national shoot at Camp Perry, returned yesterday with a great deal of honor. The Richmond members reaching the city shortly after 8 o'clock in the morning.

While the score made by the team did not come up to expectations, still the men did a great deal better than last year, and rose from last on the list to the forty-third place—a gain of seven points in the standing.

Corporal C. L. Hart, of Company L, Fredericksburg, made the highest score of any team member, and won the Governor's medal.

Quartermaster Sergeant C. T. Hawley and Captain C. W. Wallace, Jr., of Company C, Richmond, made the next highest scores, winning the Adjutant General's and the Military Board's medals, respectively. Captain Wallace also received, in addition, a prize of \$10 for the best skirmish run.

The officers in charge of the team were Major S. W. Martin, United States Army, and Major O. B. Perry, coach, and Captain A. A. Graves, spotter. Adjutant-General Charles J. Anderson, who spent some time at the grounds, returned with the team.

In speaking of the team yesterday, while the team did not take a very high stand on the list, the great improvement shown over the previous year was highly gratifying. With the aid of the practice which will be obtained when the State rifle range, already provided for, is put into shape, the officers and men are confident that Virginia's representatives next year will take a much higher stand.

Captain J. St. Julien Wilson, State Highway Commissioner, who has been in the State country this morning, where he will address a Farmers' Institute on the subject of "Good Roads." He will return to the city to-night.

MANY IDLE MEN
APPLY FOR HELP

Call on Charity Organizations Due to Interruption of Work.

Owing possibly to the almost total interruption of outdoor work caused by the recent rains, large numbers of men have been forced to apply at the different city charities for aid. In most cases they are responsible, deserving men, who are by force of circumstances compelled to seek help. Yesterday at the local branch of the Associated Charities there were about 100 men, ranging from eighteen to possibly eighty years, were fed and put to work. According to a charity worker, this is the largest number of applicants the office has had in a single day for many months, and, strange to say, they are, with few exceptions, residents of Richmond. The men went to work gladly, they were not of the class which shirks it, and which would rather ask alms than labor. For the most part, they appeared to be mechanics out of employment.

A young man, who said he was a bricklayer, told a pitiful tale of suffering and want. For a long time, he said, he had been unable to get anything to do, and now that he had run entirely out of money, his wife, who was sick at home, and his two children were in absolute need of something to eat. He gave his address, and the office sent a nurse to visit the sick woman. Everything was found to be exactly as he had represented it. His wife's immediate wants were attended to, and the nurse will visit her every day. The man was given work in the building until a place outside can be found for him. Each day he will be given enough food for his wife and children.

Gans-Rady Company's

Annual Half Price Clearance Sale

STARTS THIS MORNING

Hundreds of Men's Suits
Hundreds of Boys' Suits
Hundreds of Men's Trousers

ON SALE AT

One Half of Their Original Prices

Gans-Rady Company

TOO POOR TO WORK,
BUT WON'T MOVE

Aged Couple Occupies Quarters Already Rented to Another Family.

Living upstairs in the rear of 2021 East Main Street is an old, one-armed man and his wife, neither of whom is able to work or help themselves, depending almost entirely on charity for a living, and still unwilling to be taken to the City Home. For some time they have been provided for by the Associated Charities, though the old man, whose name is Brady, occasionally attempts to make a few pennies selling papers. Yesterday a rather curious phase of the case came to light when the owner of the building called upon the Associated Charities' office and asked if there was any way by which he could get the old couple out. He then explained that he had rented the upper part of the building to other parties, who refused to take it until the couple was moved. The owner said that the Bradys were unable to pay rent, but he did not like to eject them. Then a woman connected with the charities went out to investigate. She found them living in the midst of poverty, being unable to keep their scantily-furnished room in decent order; but, despite her pleadings, they refused to go to the City Home. There was nothing else to be done. The charities office could not force them to leave their quarters, and the owner would not put them out until he was sure there was some place for them to go.

The case was reported to the Board of Health. Unless it thinks it necessary to have the couple removed and gives orders to that effect they will probably go on living there.

CITY PROPERTY NOT HURT BY FLOODS ALONG RIVER

At a meeting of the James River Improvement Committee yesterday accounts and bills of the committee were audited and the pay roll of the city tug and harbor employees ordered paid. Reports showed that little progress was being made on the work in the harbor owing to high water and continual rain. No serious damage, however, was reported to city property along the water front.

The contractor in charge of the work of strengthening the old structure had a force of men at work yesterday getting the timbers in place. New timbers were hauled to the Manchester side, to be used in replacing those which the flood carried away.

Officials of the Passenger and Power Company would make no comment outside of what has already been said, but it is known that they have been carefully watching the bridge, and would have stopped the cars instantly had it shown any signs of weakness.

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W. L. DOUGLAS

THE BEST \$3.50 SHOES FOR MEN

W. L. DOUGLAS MAKES AND SELLS MORE

MEN'S \$3.50 SHOES THAN ANY OTHER

MANUFACTURER IN THE WORLD.

The reason W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes are worn by more men in all walks of life than any other make is because I give the wearer the benefit of the most complete organization of skilled shoemakers in this country, who receive the highest wages paid in the shoe industry and whose workmanship cannot be excelled.

The selection of the leathers and other materials for each part of the shoe and every detail of the making is looked after by specially trained experts in every department.

If I could take you into my large factories at Brockton, Mass., and show you how carefully W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes are made, you would then understand why they hold their shape, fit better, wear longer, and are of greater value than any other make.

(Signed) W. L. Douglas

W. L. DOUGLAS \$4.00 GILT EDGE SHOE

Cannot Be Equalled at Any Price.

W. L. DOUGLAS BOYS' SHOES \$1.75 AND \$2.00. JUST THE SAME AS MY MEN'S \$3.50 SHOES. THE SAME LEATHERS. FOR \$1.75 AND \$2.00.

W. L. Douglas name and price is stamped on the bottom which protects the wearer against high prices and inferior shoes. INSIST UPON HAVING THEM. TAKE NO SUBSTITUTES.

Best Color Exports used exclusively. Catalog Mailed Free. W. L. Douglas, Brockton, Mass.

W. L. DOUGLAS SHOE STORE IN RICHMOND, 623 East Broad Street

BRIDGE NOT HURT BY HIGH WATER

Engineer Whiteley Regards Structure as Safe, Despite Loss of Temporary Props.

High water, which overflowed the banks of the James during the recent storm, doing much damage and seriously threatening the Free Bridge, having entirely receded, business along the water front has assumed its usual activity. Two competent engineers have made a thorough examination of the bridge, and pronounce it as safe as it was before the high water. Mr. F. D. Isaacs, as heretofore printed in The Times-Dispatch, gave it a clean record, and Mr. Calvin Whiteley, chief engineer of the Passenger and Power Company, in a report handed to General Superintendent of Railways C. B. Buchanan yesterday, said:

"Regarding the present condition of the Free Bridge, I write to say that, whilst the structure is of an obsolete design, the receivers of this company can rest assured that the bridge is in no worse condition than it was the day Mr. Senborn made his report."

Cars crossing the bridge are now running under the same orders that were observed before the rain.

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THINK BURGLARS WERE AMATEURS

Police Doubt Theory That Professionals Robbed Broad Street Stores.

Detectives working on the robbery of Tragle's drug store and Bachrach's pawnshop on Broad Street, are loath, of course, to give up any clues that they may have found in their two days' investigation, but all agree that the housebreaking is puzzling. Indeed, it may be stated that little more has been learned. It is generally believed now, it seems, that the work was not that of professionals, but of amateurs.

Though in Bachrach's the thieves carried into a rear room, where they had plenty of time to examine and to judge of the value of their booty, about \$100 worth of rings and other jewelry, not a thing was missing from the case.

Not Judges of Jewelry. On the other hand, in Tragle's drugstore, where there is a jewelry stand, several articles of a cheap variety were taken. It is true that in Bachrach's several things were more numerous than those stolen from the pawnshop, showing that the thieves were evidently so amateurish that they failed to take an inventory of the goods, of which the professional crook would have been proud, and out of which he might have earned a rich profit.

Small Clue to Work On. The case is still a mystery, and it may remain so, though the detectives have been busy with untiring energy on the case.

They have, practically, no clues on which to base a theory. Even so, they have a little more to go on than a piece of knotted rope, and that is about all the force has to work upon.

There may, or there may not be, some connection between the robberies which have recently occurred in Petersburg and Lynchburg, largely of the same nature. If the thieves are members of a gang traveling through the country, more may be heard from them. If the robberies are merely local, they will probably not occur again for some time.

But everything in connection with the local crimes is based only on hypothesis. Some extra information, it was learned yesterday, has been given to the police. Investigation only will prove whether or not it is of any worth. Meanwhile every possible clue is being thoroughly worked.

HISGEN MAY SPEAK HERE

Hearst Also Expected to Tour South for Independence League.

Information has been received at the headquarters of the Independence League party in this city that Thomas L. Hisgen, of Boston, nominee for President, and William Randolph Hearst, chief promoter of the new movement, will be in Richmond for the purpose of making campaign speeches on September 10th.

It is understood that they will go from here to Norfolk, and that from there Mr. Hisgen will proceed on a further tour through the South.

No definite arrangements have been made for the speaking, but it is probable that some centrally located hall will be secured.

TO ELECT NEW CATERER FOR MASONIC LODGES

Major Sol Cutchins mailed a letter last night to each of the representatives of the various Masonic orders of the city, selected to elect a caterer at the Masonic Temple, informing them that Mr. George E. Guvernator, Jr., elected at the meeting last Monday night, had declined to accept the position, and calling a meeting for Wednesday night, at which time some one will be named to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Guvernator.

Major Cutchins stated that there would be several applicants for the position, but that none had formally entered. He declined to give the names of the probable candidates.

NEW PERMITS ISSUED

Inspector Beck Now Has Authority Over Street and Electric Signs.

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